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TRAINING PROGRAMME TO ENCOURAGE MICRO AND SMALL ENTERPRISES

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Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of new training programme to encourage the establishment of micro and small enterprises by the weaker sections of the society;
- (b) the number of persons benefited by this training programme, State and Union Territory-wise including Maharashtra; and
- (c) total funds allocated and utilised under Entrepreneurship Development Programme and Entrepreneurship Skill Development Programme during each of the last three years, State and Union Territory-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF MICRO, SMALL & MEDIUM ENTERPRISES(SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

(a) Under the Package for promotion of Micro and Small Enterprises announced in February 2007, 22.5% of all the Entrepreneurship Development Programmes (EDPs) and Entrepreneurship Skill Development Programmes (ESDPs) are being organised exclusively for the disadvantaged sections of the society i.e. SC/ST, women and physically challenged. In addition to the free training being provided in these exclusive programmes, a stipend of Rs.500/- per month is being provided to every trainee. The Ministry of MSME has also taken a decision to impart free training to all SC/ST aspirants in all the training courses organised by its agencies.

(b) The number of persons benefited by these training programmes, State and Union Territory- wise including Maharashtra can be seen at Annexure-I.

(c) The total fund allocated and utilised under these programmes during each of the last three years, State and Union Territory-wise is at Annexure-II.